

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all previously pending claim sets.

1    1.    (Presently amended) A system for mounting a component to an instrument body  
2    comprising:

3        a locking stud body comprising a plate and an aperture portion and configured to  
4    be coupled to the instrument body component having a stud aperture at each end of the  
5    component; and

6        a mounting device stud comprising a top portion and a threaded lower portion, the  
7    threaded lower portion configured to be positioned in the stud aperture portion of the  
8    locking stud body, where the mounting device stud holds the component in position  
9    between the top portion of the mounting device stud and a the plate of an insert mounted  
10   into the instrument body.

1    2.    (Presently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the insert further comprises an  
2    aperture portion is threaded configured to accept the threaded lower portion of the  
3    mounting device stud.

1    3.    (Presently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the insert locking stud body  
2    further comprises a bottom portion configured to allowing the insert locking stud body to  
3    be disposed within the instrument body.

1    4.    (Presently amended) The system of claim 3 wherein the bottom portion is threaded,  
2    the threaded bottom portion allowing the insert locking stud body to be adjustably  
3    coupled to the instrument body.

1    5.    (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the component is a combination bridge  
2    and tailpiece of an instrument.

1    6.    (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the component is a bridge of an  
2    instrument.

1    7.    (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the component is a tailpiece of an  
2    instrument.

1    8.    (Cancelled)

1    9.    (Presently amended) The system of claim 1 further comprising an adjustment  
2    screw, the adjustment screw configured to being positioned in ~~the~~ an adjustment screw  
3    hole of the component to laterally position the component relative to the ~~insert~~ locking  
4    stud body and the mounting stud.

1    10.    (Cancelled)

1    11.    (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the plate is square-shaped in order to  
2    accept a wrench.

1    12.    (Presently amended) A method for mounting a component having stud apertures to

2    an instrument body comprising:

3                 positioning the component such that each stud aperture is aligned with a plate of a  
4    locking stud body ~~an insert~~; and

5                 clamping the component in place between the plate and a mounting stud device.

1    13.    (Presently amended) The method of claim 12 further comprising mounting coupling  
2    the locking stud body ~~insert~~ having the plate into an aperture of the instrument body.

1    14. (Presently amended) The method of claim 12 wherein the clamping further  
2    comprises fastening the mounting stud device into an aperture portion of the locking stud  
3    body insert.

1    15. (Presently amended) The method of claim 12 further comprising adjusting the  
2    locking stud body insert relative to the instrument body to adjust the height of the  
3    component relative to the instrument body.

1    16. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising laterally adjusting the  
2    component by rotating an adjustment screw into or out of an adjustment screw hole.

1    17. (Presently amended) A mounting apparatus method for mounting a component to  
2    an instrument body comprising:  
3         providing a locking stub body an insert having a plate and an aperture portion; and  
4         providing means a mounting stud for clamping the component in position between  
5    the plate and a the mounting stud device.

1    18. (Presently amended) The system method of claim 17 wherein the mounting stud  
2    device further comprises a threaded lower portion, the threaded lower portion configured  
3    to be fastened into the aperture portion of the locking stud body insert.

1    19. (Presently amended) The system method of claim 17 wherein the locking stud  
2    bodyinsert further comprises a bottom portion, the bottom portion allowing the locking  
3    stud bodyinsert to be adjustably coupled to the instrument body.

1    20. (New) The method of claim 17 further comprising providing an insert configured to  
2    be positioned between the instrument body and the locking stud body.

1    21. (New) The system of claim 1 further comprising an insert configured to be  
2    positioned between the instrument body and the locking stud body.

1    22. (New) The method of claim 12 further comprising positioning an insert between the  
2    instrument body and the locking stud body.